

Griff's Colts Trim Regulars in Games Arranged For G. W. U. Gridiron Games

Humphrey and H. Milan Wanted by Billy Smith

Richmond Pilot Willing to Take Players but Griff Says "Nothing Doing Yet."

BOTH MEN LOOK GOOD

By WILLIAM PEET.
Charlottesville, Va., March 16.—"Lefty" Humphrey and Outfielder Horace Milan can play ball for the Richmond club of the International League if Joe Cantillon does not want them in Minneapolis. But-Griff must be agreeable to the change and up to date the Old Fox is rather sweet on both of these young athletes. Billy Smith, the Richmond manager, who is a personal friend of Griff's, came here this morning to talk business. He wants an outfielder and a pitcher and would like to relieve Griff of Humphrey and Horace Milan. "Nothing doing in that line. I haven't thus far seen enough of Humphrey's work, while Horace Milan right now looks almost as good to me as my illustrious brother. I don't know whether I have any players Smith will want when I get ready to cut down. I am certainly not going to turn over any right now," said the Old Fox. "Besides, Minneapolis has first choice on my surplus material."

It was so cold this morning that Griff decided to cut out the early practice entirely and ordered his men to report to the field at noon without the formality of eating lunch. These half-starved, half-frozen young men tossed the ball about for three-quarters of an hour, when a six-inning ball game was started, the regulars getting bumped hard and often, losing to the Yannisians, 7 to 0, and offering no excuses, but swearing revenge the next time the clubs meet.

While the weather report indicates that it will be milder tomorrow, the Blue-ridge Mountains hereabouts are capped with snow, and just so long as the snow liners the wind is going to sweep down with unabated fury and chill every ball player to the marrow.

It is Griff's intention to stage an inter-team game tomorrow morning and tackle the University of Virginia in the afternoon. Much, however, depends upon the weather, and it is just possible that the ball game program started today will again be followed.

Lambeth Field this afternoon was so cold a spot that even the University of Virginia team, composed of youngsters who are supposed to withstand every brand of weather, deemed it inadvisable to practice.

Charlie Jamieson, the outfielder purchased from Buffalo, has just started to show something. Jamieson today cracked out two safe hits and stole a base, besides handling perfectly every chance. The outfield problem is growing more complex every day. Rondeau already looks as if he were a fixture with Shanks, hitting the ball hard, and so is Horace Milan, with Jamieson coming fast. Griff tonight stated that he was very much of a man up a tree so far as his outfield is concerned. "They all look so good that it will take me some time to decide on the combination I shall use to start the season. Even then I may make a mistake," said the Old Fox.

Mike Kellner, the former Washington outfielder, has been assigned to the first base for the Richmond club, according to Manager Billy Smith today. "I have been told that Kellner does not take good care of himself, otherwise he would be a good ball player," stated Smith. "I'm going to try him out, and it's up to him. Players who do not take enough interest in their work to keep themselves in condition to play are not wanted on the club I manage."

Sam Gitting, the Washington boy, has not as yet signed a contract with the Nationals, but he looks like a fairly good prospect, and Griff is liable to hook him up before the team breaks camp. Gitting has fair speed, and also a slow ball. He is a big, rangy chap, possessing an easy delivery. Nick Altrock speaks well of him.

Jack Bentley has shown a lot of stuff down here this spring, and with the experience he has gained should prove a valuable man for the Nationals during the coming campaign. Bentley gave the regulars but two hits in three innings today.

Parks, the semi-pro from Atlanta, is another youngster who is attracting attention and causing much favorable comment by the veterans. Parks stands up to the plate nicely and meets the ball squarely. He is also a corking fielder and looks to be fast on his feet.

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Yannisians and Regulars to Regs

Griff's First Squad Is Handed Trimming by "Rookies" in Six-inning Game.

BENTLEY SHOWS FORM

Sandy Springs Southpaw and Charlie Humphrey Allow Six Hits.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Charlottesville, Va., March 16.—Zero weather and a biting wind from the snow-capped Blue-ridge Mountains did not halt the Nationals in their daily practice here today, for Griff had the boys out at noon and started a six-inning ball game, the Yannisians blanking the regulars, 7 to 0, outhitting and outfielding them at every stage.

Sloan and Dumont, the pitchers assigned to toil for the first team, were mercifully hammered. Three hits in the opening chapter brought in as many runs, while four healthy wallops in the fifth inning added a quartet of tallies. The regulars faced Humphrey and Bentley, southpaws and could do little against them. Perfect fielding by Altrock's crowd at critical stages precluded runs. Jamieson and Moeller, for the Yannisians, carried off the batting honors, Clyde Milan, with a single and double, led the regulars.

While it was much too cold for good baseball, the Yannisians were full of pep and fight. Carl Sawyer, on the coaching lines, was the life of the whole party. Griff shook up his Yannisians a bit, playing Parks on second base and Sawyer at short, benching Leonard Schwab. Parks drove in a run in the first inning and scored in the fifth. The Yannisians jumped on Sloan in the opener, singles by Moeller and Shanks, a walk to H. Milan, and Parks' double sent over three runs.

In the fifth, with George Dumont pitching against the regulars, Jamieson, the ball all over the lot. Singles by Jamieson, H. Milan, Sawyer and Rippey Williams, two bad throws by Clyde Milan, and a "boot" by Dumont, let four runs trickle over the plate. It was so cold that after the regulars had the first three innings, Griff wisely decided to call off hostilities.

The score:

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Post	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Judge	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Miller	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Rondeau	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Morgan	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
McBride	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sloan	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
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